

A divine confluence of strings and soul at the 101st Tansen Samaroh

Gwalior: In the historic city of Gwalior, the prestigious 101st Tansen Samaroh unfolded as a luminous celebration of India's classical heritage. This wasn't merely a series of performances but a spiritual "Swaranjali" to the legendary Tansen, blending the rhythmic precision of Carnatic violin, the emotive depth of Hindustani vocals, and the majestic resonance of the Sitar.

A journey from Dhrupad to Carnatic elegance

The session commenced with a powerful Dhrupad invocation of Lord Shiva in Raag Shankara by students of Shankar Gandharv College. This spiritual energy transitioned into a mesmerizing Carnatic violin duet by Dr. Mysore Manjunath—the "Prince of Mysore"—and his son Sumanth. Their rendition of Raag Bahudari and Shadmukhapriya bridged the



North-South divide, proving that Tansen's stage is a sanctuary for all musical traditions. The vibrant accompaniment of the Mridangam and Khanjira added a rhythmic grandeur that left the audience spellbound.

The legacy of legends: Vocals and sitar

The atmosphere deepened with Kalapini Komkali, who honored her father, the late Kumar Gandharv, through a soul-stirring Raag Maru Bihag. Her powerful voice brought a sublime balance of seriousness and grace to the stage. The evening reached its crescendo with a Sitar duet by Pandit Shivnath Mishra and Deobrat Mishra of the Kashi Gharana. Their intricate Raag Kaushik Kanhada showcased the profound depth of the Sitar, concluding with a melodic Bhairavi that resonated long after the final note.

Khargone SHO found dead in Dhar hotel room



Dhar: The body of a police officer was discovered on Friday morning in a hotel located in the Mohan Talkies area of Dhar. The deceased has been identified as Karan Singh Rawat, a Station In-charge (TI) from Khargone district. Rawat had been stationed in Dhar since December 13 on temporary duty to manage security for the ongoing Urs (Islamic) festival. Upon receiving the alert, Kotwali police cordoned off the premises. Preliminary evidence found in the room, including traces of blood,

suggests the officer may have suffered a severe medical episode. Sources indicate that Rawat had been battling a chronic liver-related illness for some time, leading investigators to suspect he may have vomited blood before passing away. However, authorities are not ruling out any possibilities until a formal medical report is issued.

FSL team arrival delayed: Superintendent of Police Mayank Awasthi visited the scene to oversee the initial inquiry. While the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) team was summoned to collect samples, their arrival was delayed due to unavailability, prompting officials to move the body to the Dhar District Hospital for a post-mortem examination. Kotwali Police Station In-charge Deepak Singh Chauhan confirmed that a case has been registered and the hotel room has been sealed.

A comprehensive investigation is underway, with the final cause of death pending the results of the autopsy and forensic analysis.

Naib Tehsildar arrested in Satna

► Caught red-handed accepting a bribe of Rs 10,000



Satna: The Lokayukta police have arrested a Naib Tehsildar red-handed while accepting a bribe of Rs. 10,000. It is reported that the Naib Tehsildar had demanded the bribe in exchange for passing an order in a property division case. The trap operation was carried out based on the applicant's com-

plaint. The entire incident took place at the Rampur Baghelan Tehsil office. According to the information, the applicant, Ashutosh Singh, had filed a complaint stating that the concerned officer was demanding a bribe to pass an order in his property division case. After verify-

ing the complaint, a trap was planned. Virendra Singh, posted at the Rampur Baghelan Tehsil, was caught accepting a bribe of Rs. 10,000. This trap operation was conducted in a room at the Mahauri Katra circle office. As soon as the complainant handed over the pre-arranged amount to the accused, the pre-positioned trap team raided the spot and caught the accused red-handed. The Lokayukta team is interrogating the accused, Virendra Singh, and has initiated further legal proceedings. A case is being prepared under the Prevention of Corruption Act. This action has created a stir in the Tehsil office, and discussions are also rife in administrative circles.

Wildlife poaching racket busted in Damoh

► Father-son duo arrested with explosives



Damoh: In a major crackdown on wildlife crime, the Hatta Forest Range team intercepted a sophisticated poaching operation in the Daba Beat forest. Two hunters, identified as Dilkishan Pardi and his son

Bhupendra, were apprehended while attempting to transport illegal wildlife products on a bicycle. The Forest Department's search yielded a gruesome haul: three sacks of wild boar meat, a live turtle,

and an array of hunting tools. Most alarmingly, officials seized crude "country-made" bombs used to kill large game. During preliminary interrogation, the suspects—who officially work as bangle sellers—confessed to smuggling these explosives from Bihar to facilitate their illegal activities.

"Our team spotted the suspects acting suspiciously during a routine survey," stated Range Officer Rishi Tiwari. "When challenged, they attempted to flee but were swiftly detained."

The accused now face stringent charges under the Wildlife Protection Act, with additional proceedings initiated under the Arms Act due to the possession of explosives. Following this breakthrough, forest authorities have announced intensified search operations across high-risk zones to dismantle potential poaching networks.

"Read First, Fight Later" Gang brutally beats minor tribal boy to death

► Justice Paliwal reflects on legacy of legal profession



Jabalpur: "Advocacy is a unique profession where one must first read deeply before they can fight effectively." These were the poignant words of Justice Achal Kumar Paliwal during his farewell ceremony organized by the High Court Bar Association at the Rajat Jayanti Adarsh Auditorium on Thursday. The event was graced by an esteemed bench and bar, including Acting Chief Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva, Administrative Judge Vivek Rusia, and State Bar Chairman

Radhelal Gupta. In an emotional address, Justice Paliwal expressed his lifelong gratitude for the respect and honor bestowed upon him by the Jabalpur Bar. He lauded the "rich traditions" of the Madhya Pradesh High Court, where the Bar and the Bench are not merely seen as the two wheels of the chariot of justice but practice that synergy in every deliberation. The ceremony, conducted by Bar Secretary Paritosh Trivedi, highlighted Justice Paliwal's distinguished career and his unwavering commitment to the judiciary. As he steps into retirement, his message serves as a vital reminder to young advocates: that the strength of an argument in the courtroom is always forged in the quiet of the library.

► Police parade 3 accused through the streets



Betul: A young man's obsession with becoming a gangster led him to brutally beat a minor

tribal boy to death. Police arrested three accused and paraded them through the city streets.

On Wednesday in Betul, some people brutally beat a minor named Vivek. Upon receiving the information, the police reached the spot and immediately admitted him to the hospital. However, his condition deteriorated shortly afterward, and he succumbed to his injuries.

Following the incident, the police arrested the main accused, Annu Thakur, his father, and another accused. They were paraded from College Chowk to Ganj police station.

It is being said that the main accused, Annu Thakur, had been trying to become a big gangster for a long time. His father is also a habitual offender who runs a money lending business. The police have arrested them and initiated further proceedings.

Woman dies after hit by train, suicide suspected

Indore: A 35-year-old woman, identified as Nikita Parmar, died on Friday morning after being struck by a train near the Laxmibai Nagar railway station in Indore. Government Railway Police (GRP) discovered Nikita in a critically injured state near platform number 1 around 5:00 AM. Despite being rushed to MY Hospital, she succumbed to her injuries during treatment.

The circumstances surrounding her death have raised questions. Her husband, Mukesh, a tailor residing in Karma Nagar, informed police that Nikita had been sleeping with their three-month-old son the previous night. He only realized she was missing after receiving a call from a relative; upon checking, he found their house door locked from the outside. The accident site is located about 1.5 kilometers from their residence.

Rare Black Panther sighting sparks investigation in Rau

► Forest Dept probes authenticity after 12-year-old's photo surfaces



Mesco Aerospace airstrip in Seoni, sealed

Seoni: The Mesco Air Space airstrip in Suktara, Seoni district, Madhya Pradesh, has been sealed by the district administration on the instructions of the state government. The aircraft present on the airstrip have also been sealed, and the government has seized the security deposit of Rs. 50 lakh related to the airstrip.

According to reports, this action was taken due to non-compliance with the lease terms. The airstrip has also been formally handed over to the Public Works Department. Administrative officials stated that this action was taken in compliance with government directives, and further procedures will be carried out according to the rules.

Indore: A viral video and photograph claiming to show a black panther in a slum area on Ket Road in Rau, Indore, has sent shockwaves through the local community. The image, reportedly captured by a 12-year-old boy, was initially verified as authentic by AI and deepfake experts, prompting immediate action from the Forest Department. Trainee ranger Payal Sharma and her team have launched an intensive search operation, increasing surveillance in the slum and urging residents to remain vigilant while officials investigate the credibility of the sighting.

Doubts arise as witness statements falter: While the technical analysis suggests the image is real, the investigation has hit a snag regarding the location and tim-



ing. According to forest officials, the Black Panther, famously known as the real-life "Bagheera" from The Jungle Book is extremely rare and has previously only been sighted in the Seoni Malwa forests of Madhya Pradesh. A confirmed presence in the Indore region would be a significant ecological event for the state.

However, the 12-year-old boy at the center of the claim is repeatedly changing his statement during questioning. This inconsistency has led officials to interrogate his parents and neighbors to determine if the photo was actually taken elsewhere. Until the boy's account can be verified, the Forest Department remains cautious about confirming this rare predator's presence in an urban settlement.

New JSW MG Hector launched at Khatwani Motors Pvt. Ltd Jabalpur



Jabalpur: Khatwani Motors Private Limited, the authorized JSW MG Motor dealer in Jabalpur, celebrated the grand launch of the new and advanced JSW MG Hector on Friday. The vehicle was unveiled in the esteemed presence of Ramchandra Khatwani, Robin Khatwani (Managing Director), Mrs. Shikha Khatwani (COO), Rigved Khatwani (CEO), and Alok Chourasiya (General Manager). The new JSW MG Hector sets a new

benchmark in the SUV segment with its striking exterior design, advanced technology, premium interiors, superior safety features, and powerful performance. It is equipped with smart connected features, a large touch screen infotainment system, advanced driver assistance systems, and offers a comfortable and refined driving experience. On this occasion, the esteemed guests present at the showroom, including customers, bank financiers, and members of the media, expressed that: "The new JSW MG Hector is an excellent choice for customers seeking the perfect combination of style, safety, and the latest technology. We are extremely proud to launch this premium SUV in Jabalpur."

Test drive facilities were also made available for customers on the occasion of the launch. Interested customers are invited to visit the showroom and experience the new JSW MG Hector.

Union Bank and West Central Railway Ink Strategic Pact for Employee Welfare



Jabalpur: In a major step toward enhancing financial services for railway personnel, Union Bank of India and the West Central Railway (WCR) Divisional Office, Jabalpur, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to facilitate salary accounts for all employees and officers.

The agreement was formalized by Union Bank Regional Head, Mr. Sameer Kumar, who highlighted that the bank is committed to delivering a "best-in-class" Corporate Salary Account experience. The new scheme is designed to outperform standard banking products by offering a suite of zero-fee digital services and premium benefits tailored specifically for WCR staff.

Key highlights of the MoU:

- Premium Cards: Issuance of the high-end RuPay Select Debit Card.
- Comprehensive Insurance: Integrated Medical, Accidental, and Term Life insurance coverage.
- Financial Perks: Significant discounts on loan interest rates and locker rentals.
- Flexible Banking: Instant Overdraft (OD) facilities and a seamless digital banking interface.

This partnership underscores Union Bank's focus on providing robust financial security and modern banking conveniences to the dedicated workforce of the Indian Railways.

Devotion scales new heights at Khajrana Ganesh Temple

► Foreign currency, demonetized & counterfeit notes, gold and silver found in donation boxes

Indore: The legendary Khajrana Ganesh Temple in Indore has once again proven to be a cornerstone of faith, recording a staggering Rs 1.78 crore in donations during its latest counting cycle. Over seven days of meticulous counting under tight security and CCTV surveillance, the total reached Rs 1,78,26,684, marking one of the highest collections in the temple's history.

A Diverse Palette of Offerings: The 43 donation boxes revealed more than just standard currency. Devotees expressed their gratitude through foreign bills, gold and silver jewelry, and even a mobile phone. Interestingly, the boxes also contained demonetized Rs 500 and Rs 2,000 notes, alongside some counterfeit currency. According to Manager Ghanshyam Shukla, all funds have been safely deposited into the



temple's bank accounts, and the boxes have been resealed for the next four-month cycle.

Letters of faith and hope: Beyond the wealth, the heart of the collection lay in hundreds of handwritten letters. These poignant notes transformed the donation boxes into "wish boxes," with devotees seeking divine intervention for job placements, family harmony,

and health. From a mother praying for her daughter's job transfer to couples seeking blessings for a child, the letters highlight Khajrana Ganesh as a sanctuary of hope.

This record-breaking collection underscores the unwavering bond between the deity and his followers, blending material generosity with deep spiritual yearning.